War Protest at Capitol Barred During Speech

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (UPI) — The police blocked relatives of prisoners of war, the mother of a G.I. killed in Vietnam and several hundred supporters from conducting an end-the-war vigil on the Capitol steps during President Nixon's State of the Union address.

While the President spoke, members of the antiwar group were kept behind police lines on the outer side of the Capitol plaza, about 100 yards from their destination.

The protestors stood under gray skies, chilled by the damp cold and occasional light rain. They sang "We Shall Overcome," while in the background transistor radios carried the President's voice.

After he had left the Capitol, the demonstrators were permitted to mount the steps on the East Front. There they were joined by a half dozen Congressmen.

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